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TO AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 5785

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NEW ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR TO SOMALIA

REF: MOGADISCIO 0708

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL, EMBASSY BIO HOLDINGS ON AMBASSADOR-
DESIGNATE BETRU KIDANE-MARIAM SHOW HIM TO HAVE BEEN FIRST
SECRETARY IN MOGADISCIO FROM 1964 UNTIL 1968 AND THAT HE GREATLY
DISLIKED SERVING THERE. HE WAS THEN APPOINTED ETHIOPIAN CONSUL
GENERAL IN ADEN WHERE HE SERVED FROM 1968-1974. HE WAS APPOINTED
CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OF GOJJAM PROVINCE JANUARY 7, 1975 AND THEN
QUICKLY REAPPOINTED AS AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE ON APRIL 17, 1975.
MARRIED AND THE FATHER OF TWO CHILDREN (AS OF 1969), BETRU IS
REPORTEDLY OPEN AND FRANK AND VERY GOOD COMPANY. HE IS KNOWN
TO BE FRIENDLY TOWARDS AMERICANS.

2. EMBASSY HAS NO RECORD OF BETRU ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN SCHOLAR-
SHIP FOR HIS CHILDREN TO AMERICAN SCHOOL IN ADDIS ABABA.
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